

RAILROAD TOPICS

The Santa Fe has just put in a large new turn table at Winslow.

W. D. Lee, general manager of the Santa Fe Central, has returned to headquarters from a business trip to Denver.

President W. H. Andrews of the Santa Fe Central, writes from Pittsburgh that he will be in New Mexico about the middle of the month.

Brakeman James Merchant, of the Santa Fe Central, who fell off the top of a box car while on duty, sustaining a badly sprained ankle, is able to be about again.

J. C. Balcomb, assistant to Chief Engineer A. C. Kennedy of the Santa Fe Central, has returned to the Capital City from a trip to Estancia and Torrance, on company business.

A new bolt and threading machine is being installed in the mechanical department at Las Vegas. The old one is proving insufficient for the large amount of work, and has great need of the helpmate.

The new locomotive for the Mohave & Milltown railway is expected to reach Needles in about ten days. During the meantime the present locomotive will make daily trips to the mine and return, the track now being completed to the camp.

A. W. Reeves, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railway, with headquarters in El Paso, Texas, was in Silver City interviewing local merchants in the interest of the road which he represents.

It is announced that the Santa Fe railroad has just gotten out a new map of the entire system from Chicago to the Pacific coast. The new map is quite an improvement over the old one and gives more of the details of this great network of railroad tracks.

President Harriman of the Southern Pacific railroad has been informed by detectives in charge of the case that William R. Vice, defaulting passenger agent in San Francisco of the Union Pacific road, has been located in Honduras. As there is no extradition treaty with that country he is free from arrest.

Brakeman J. H. McElwee of the Santa Fe Central, who was badly crushed between the cab of the engine on his train, and the cooling platform at Torrance, and who had since been confined in the St. Vincent's hospital at Santa Fe, was sufficiently improved yesterday to admit of his being removed to his home. Dr. J. L. Norris, the company surgeon, reports he will be able to be about again in a few days.

Part of the material for the contemplated improvements to be made by extending and enlarging the passenger platform at Newton, Kansas, has arrived there and is being unloaded. The extension will be of brick and when completed will greatly expedite the handling of baggage and also accommodate passengers who alight from the rear of long passenger trains that pull into Newton these days.

For several nights the Colorado & Southern south bound passenger trains have gone out heavily guarded, says a dispatch from Trinidad. This was because the Wells-Fargo & Co. had been advised that an attempt would be made to hold up the train and rob the express car, but no attempt has been made and it is thought that either the report was a false one or that the men who were to attempt the robbery became alarmed and were afraid to undertake the job.

The interstate commerce commission has decided that the defendants of George J. Kindel and the Denver Chamber of Commerce against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe at El Paso are justified in maintaining lower rates from the Pacific coast to Missouri river points than to Denver on vice, hump, baking powder, blankets, books, boot and shoe heels, chocolate and extracts, but that "the rate should not be higher on the other commodities involved."

Tom Sloan has tendered his resignation to the Santa Fe road as city ticket agent for the road at Phoenix. The same was accepted and Hy Page, formerly local manager for the Postal Telegraph Company, named as his successor. Mr. Sloan who is now in Salt Lake City, it is understood, has accepted a position with the Salt Lake Route in their passenger department. He will be under one of his former chiefs, Mr. E. W. Gillette, who was formerly with the Santa Fe in Phoenix.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of Raton held their annual election, the meeting unusually largely attended. The three presiding officers for 1903 were re-elected for 1904. These were, F. T. Brown, master; J. P. Wainwright, secretary; R. F. Purdy, financier. R. S. Ald was elected journal agent and R. F. Purdy was selected as chairman of the grievance committee, to go to Topeka where the meeting of the general grievance committee takes place. The Raton Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen now has a membership of eighty.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Order of Railway Engineers of Las Vegas was held at the hall of the Fraternal Brotherhood, Wednesday night. During the lodge meeting C. H. Stevenson was installed chief conductor; J. L. Vest, senior conductor and Conductor McIntyre, inside sentinel. None other of the officers lately elected were present, and their installation will consequently go over until next meeting. After the regular lodge business was finished an entertainment, mostly of a musical nature, was given by the Ladies' Auxiliary, which was heartily received and appreciated.

During the sickness of the chief clerk for Superintendent I. L. Hubbard, at San Bernardino, O. P. Higginson, the night chief dispatcher, has been installed to attend to the duties. Mr. Higginson formerly occupied this position before going to the dispatcher's office. He was chief clerk for Superintendent John Denair three years ago at Needles.

The machinist's hall held last Thurs-

day evening at the opera house at Needles, was largely attended. The decorations of the hall are said to have surpassed the many excellent decorations which the hall has received this season. The crowd remained until the early hours of the morning and every one reports a most pleasant time.

D. C. Coughlin, train master at Wellington, Kansas, was in the city this morning.

Superintendent McNally came in yesterday morning in his private car No. 408.

Howard Severitt, a well known conductor, and family will spend the holidays with Mr. Severitt's parents at Topeka.

Train from the west, No. 2, which should have arrived at 7:55 this morning, did not arrive till 2:30 this afternoon.

Superintendent E. J. Gibson of the Winslow division of the Santa Fe for 1 line, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Fireman Seigle, of the Rio Grande division, is laying off nursing a slight illness. Fireman Bonner is showing the scope in his stead.

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Colonel W. S. Hopewell, general manager of the Pennsylvania Development Company, has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

W. C. Meehan who has been confined to his room for the past eight weeks at Needles, was out of doors taking a sun bath, says the Eye.

J. T. O'Connor and wife arrived from Livingston, Montana and will make Nedding their home. Mr. O'Connor is a machinist in the employ of the Santa Fe at that city.

Colonel J. B. Furry is up from Bellevue.

Dan Elliott, roadmaster is here from Las Vegas.

John A. Ross, traveling engineer, is down from Las Vegas.

J. H. O'Connell, sub-contractor to B. Lantry Sons on the Santa Fe cut-off, was an Albuquerque visitor yesterday.

W. S. Hopewell, general manager for the Albuquerque Eastern, returned to the city last evening from a trip to Santa Fe.

W. L. Grey, chief dispatcher for the El Paso & Southwestern railway at El Paso, is in the city to visit Mrs. Grey, who is here and quite ill.

The supreme court of Indiana has ruled that towns have a right to regulate the speed of railroad trains within their corporate limits.

The Texas & New Orleans is to expend \$125,000 in establishing new eastern terminals at Echo, Texas, near the Sabine river, and those at Beaumont will be abandoned.

A. H. Burgess, machinist, has decided to cut short his duty at Las Vegas and go to Winslow, Arizona. His resignation was received and accepted and he will leave immediately for his new post.

Jose Ortiz, a vaper at the Las Vegas road house, died suddenly of heart disease. He had been ailing for several months and for the last month he was unable to work. His doctors told him that he might live for a year or two or he might drop off at any moment.

The different railroads running into El Paso have just made effective for the holidays, rates from El Paso to eastern and northern points of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip to almost all points. Some near by points have a rate of one fare plus 10 per cent for the round trip.

N. M. Rice, general storekeeper for the Santa Fe, with headquarters in Topeka, will leave shortly for Raton, N. M., where he will superintend the opening of the new Santa Fe storehouse at that point. Mr. Rice will also stop off at La Junta, where improvements are being made in the Santa Fe storehouse at that place.

The Optic says: Mayor Margarito Romero has returned from Santa Fe. He has won the suit brought against him by the Pennsylvania Development company regarding the right to his coal lands in Tijeras canyon on the line of the Albuquerque Eastern. Mr. Romero has now a perfect and indisputable title to the promising property.

The granting of the land concession to the Mexican National by the Mexican government is conditioned upon the building three years of 225 miles of railroad from Monterey to the north-west corner of the Mexican republic. Work on this extension was begun some time ago, and the right-of-way is now almost all ready for the laying of the rails.

The Optic says: The machinists are planning a grand ball to be given about January 20. A committee of the following members has been appointed: E. Tusher, chairman; R. G. McIsaac, Frank Hockett and L. J. Myers. The boys are already hustling about making preparations, and if a grand good time is not the result, it won't be the fault of the committee.

Cheap Trains to China.

The Vienna International Railway conference has decided that the price of a first-class ticket from Paris to Peking by express train shall be 40 pounds 10 shillings and 7 pence.


By slow train it will be possible to travel second-class for 19 pounds 12 shillings and 6 pence and third class for 13 pounds and 13 shillings. Express trains will leave the Northern Station, Paris, twice weekly on and after May 1 next and daily after September 1. The distance will be covered by the express trains in twenty days and by slow trains in about forty days.

Shot in His Room.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Crown Prince Frederick William has been required by his father to remain in his room three days, he having been shot in the chest by a bullet fired from a revolver against the emperor's wishes. The crown prince is a venturesome rider and has been reprimanded for daring feats and told that he must not endanger his life by steeple chasing.

Sentenced to Prison.

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 15.—Howard

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Fisher and John Knapp were today convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Canon City penitentiary for the murder of Oscar Bogel, a hot tomato peddler, in November, 1901. They received their sentences without a tremor. Robbery was the motive of the crime and the men are suspected of being implicated in several burglaries and hold-ups.

Offers Good Offices.
Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 15.—Pope Plus, according to advices from the Colombian minister at the Vatican has addressed a note to President Roosevelt offering his good offices in behalf of Colombia to arrive at a just and equitable solution of the present troubles with Colombia.

Meeting of Southern Surgeons.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—One hundred of the leading surgeons of the southern states and several from as far west as St. Louis and as far north as Buffalo thronged the large assembly room of the Piedmont hotel today and began a three days' session for the discussion of the latest discoveries and improvements in the methods of surgery. The occasion was the opening of the annual convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological association. The opening session was devoted largely to addresses of welcome and responses, officers' reports and other routine business. Dr. J. Wesley Boyce of Washington, D. C., presided, and the secretary of the convention was Dr. W. D. Haggard, of Nashville, Tenn. The program prepared for the convention calls for papers and addresses by many members of the profession.

Woman's Club.
From 2 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening, on New Year's day, the Woman's club will keep open house in their rooms in the Commercial club building. The object of this reception is to meet all the strangers in the city and to introduce them to the members of the club and to the club. The ladies are entering into the spirit of the thing with great enthusiasm, and anticipate the best time imaginable. No expense or pains will be spared in furnishing delicious refreshments and music.

Other rooms adjoining the club rooms have been engaged, that there may be abundant space for the hundreds that are expected to be coming and going during the afternoon and evening. If there is a single stranger in the town who does not call, the ladies will deem it a cause for regret upon the part of the club. The art department has in charge the matter of suitable decorations.

Two London Bye-Elections.
London, Dec. 15.—The country is waiting with intense interest and results of today's parliamentary bye-elections in the south London districts of Lewisham and Dulwich. Whichever side wins will claim that the count is a pronouncement in favor of the position it has taken on the fiscal question, while, on the other hand, the defeated party will insist that local and other issues outside tariff considerations were really the determining factors.

Plant Estate.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—The contest over the \$11,000,000 estate of the late Henry Bradley Plant, of the Southern railroad and steamship magnate, is probably at an end, the case coming up for a final hearing before Judge Cleveland here today.

The will of Mr. Plant, who died in 1899, provided an annuity for Charles B. Hoadley and Horace G. Hoadley of Waterbury. When the executors won the New York court's approval of the claim that Mr. Plant was a resident of that state they placed with a trust company a fund to secure the payment of the annuity of the Hoadleys. Contest was brought by the latter in Connecticut to prevent the further removal of the estate, and also a suit was brought praying for the removal of the executors on the ground that they were acting illegally.

Today's hearing was on a petition filed by the Hoadleys asking that the proceedings in this state be made ancillary to those in New York, which action indicates that a settlement has been effected, and that the suits brought by the Hoadleys will not be pressed.

Mistletoe in Abundance.
Mistletoe is to be had in abundance this year at almost any point along the river, and it is often laden with berries, which to many people is its chief attraction. In gathering it one cannot help noticing that when it has secured a strong foothold on some cottonwood tree, the usefulness and life of the tree is ended. There's a fitting comparison here between the mistletoe and the democratic party; for when the latter at old times secured control of the governmental affairs, the tree of prosperity soon began to wither, and never again became infused with new life until the party of development extended the hand of encouragement and inspiration.

First Lesson in Boxing.
Cool head and Good Temper Essential to Success.

Boxing is one of the best exercises that a young man can take up. The art of self-defense, as it is called, brings into play so many qualities and helps to develop so many traits of character which figure in one's daily life that it furnishes quite a moral training in itself.

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PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SELF-DEFENSE
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PART TWO Self-Defense First Article

To Prospective Athletes.
The great secret of proper training for all kinds of athletic feats is to use common sense. This is the keynote of success for all athletes.

Common sense in eating, common sense in exercising, common sense in sleeping, all form a combination that brings one to success.

One thing that I want to impress upon the young athlete is to not over-tax himself at the outset. This mistake has been the undoing of many a youth who would have developed into a big, strong athlete if he had not started with wrong ideas of how to train.

Different people need different work. A frail, delicate boy cannot stand as rigorous work at first as a big, lusty chap; and yet the little one has just as much chance as the big one if he only goes about things in the proper manner.

Good health is the first essential of an athlete. If one is not healthy then he must endeavor to build himself up in this direction before starting on any course of physical exercise.

This can be done only by laying down certain rules and following them strictly. These rules are very simple.

Six Rules for Young Athletes.
Do not drink.
Do not smoke.
Do not chew.
Get all the sleep you can.
Get all the pure, fresh air you can.
Eat plain, wholesome food, and plenty of it.

Adhere to these rules, and gradually, but surely, you will find yourself becoming stronger and stronger. Finally the day will come when you will never know a sick moment. Then is the time to commence your exercises. At this stage another duty presents itself.

Find Your Weak Points.
You must find your weakest physical points. These must be built up so that they will correspond with the rest of your body.

If your back is weak it must be strengthened; if your arms, your legs, or your chest are weak you must pay particular attention to these parts until you feel that they are as strong as the rest of your body. After this has been accomplished you are fairly upon the road to the making of a "perfect physical man." Now comes the daily routine of regular training; do not forget that this routine must never be overdone. It is just as harmful to overtrain, in fact more harmful, than it is to train at all.

You may easily ascertain just how much exercise your system can stand. Then regulate your work accordingly. Gradually, not all at once, must you work your system up to the point where it is capable of standing the strain which you desire to place upon it.

How to Train.
If you are training to be a runner you must strengthen your legs and thigh. You must also see that your wind is good. If you want to wrestle, you must have a good, strong back, chest, and neck muscles, as well as strong arms and legs. This is also the case with a boxer. Every one of his muscles must be well-developed. In addition to all this he must learn to be quick—quick on his feet and quick with his hands and arms. Different forms of athletics require entirely different styles of training. Some do not require as much headwork as others. Perhaps the boxer has more need for clear, cool headwork than any other kind of athlete. He has so many lessons to learn before he can be rated as even a fair boxer that it takes a long while to reach any sort of perfection. He has not only his body and muscles to build up, but his brain must be properly trained. All of this takes time, and can be done only by long, careful, systematic and faithful training and muscle building.

One thing that I want particularly to impress upon the young athlete is the priceless value of a good home and pleasant home surroundings. Some boys and young men have an idea that an athlete must be "tough." This is all wrong, and it has been proved time and again that the athlete, whether a runner, wrestler, boxer, or anything else, can best fit himself for any sports if he leads a clean, wholesome, good life. And this can best be found amid pleasant home surroundings.

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does make of them manly, upright, self-possessed, clear headed men. They know their power and can afford to be merciful; they are cool, and therefore do not fear danger; they are mild-tempered, and therefore lovable. When they are right, they advance with a determination which brooks no obstacle; when they are wrong they hold their place. Learn to box; but be sure you learn the right way.

A professional strong man came in to my gymnasium one day and said, "I would like to be a boxer."

"A boxer, eh?" I replied. "What makes you think you would make a good boxer?"

"Why, I am as strong as a lion. Just come in here and I will show you."

And then this strong man went in to my gymnasium and took the heavy weights and the heavy punching bag and tossed them around like feathers.

Keep Your Temper.
Do not get excited, and you will not lose a single chance of scoring a point. At the same time, you are good natured and ready to laugh at any hard knocks you may receive yourself. All this is training for the moment of real danger.

You may be attacked in the street by footpads. They intend to rob you, and you may be in a lonely, dark locality. Of course their first efforts are directed to rendering you helpless. Now, take the man who does not know how to box, who has never

A Lesson in Street Defense, No. 3—He is Now at My Mercy.

In a moment he was puffing and blowing like a porpoise, but he stepped back and looked at me with a smile. He certainly was a picture of strength. The muscles stood out all over his body in big knots. From head to foot he was one mass of knotty, protruding cords.

"How is that for a starter?" he said.

I did not say a word. His ignorance was pitiful to me. Walking over to one side of the room, I took a set of boxing gloves from the wall and handed him a pair. Following my lead he put them on.

It took me about two minutes to show that man how useless, unwieldy and impracticable his muscles were. He handled himself like a cart-horse. He was as slow on his feet as a messenger boy. His brain acted as did his muscles, slowly and stiffly. Although a big man, weighing perhaps two hundred pounds, he did not make as good a showing with me as many amateur lightweight with whom I had put on the gloves.

I think I showed him clearly the uselessness of his heavy weight-lifting muscles. They were good for one thing—the service for which they had been trained.

Like every athlete, in his profession he was muscle-bound. Those huge masses of muscle, gained at the expense of many hours of hard work, were for all practical purposes of no more use than a dead organ on a raft in the middle of the Atlantic ocean.

In fact, such muscles serve to help shorten one's life. The muscle-bound man, with every fiber of his body drawn to a tension that pulls at the very heartstrings, most frequently dies with what is known as an "athlete's heart."

A muscle-bound man is worse than a skin-bound horse. He is as awkward and ungainly as a crocodile would be in a ballroom. Take him away from his chosen profession and he is all at sea. He is a frightful object of reason against the use of heavy dumb-bells or heavy weights of any kind.

The man or boy who wants to become quick, strong and clever must avoid the use of heavy weights as

A Lesson in Street Defense, No. 2—1 Grasp His Coat by the Collar, Whip It Down Over His Back and Arms, Thus Leaving Him Powerless.

Mr. Ruffian goes down. That leaves ample time to vanquish footpad No. 2. This is the only picture to illustrate the great advantages of a knowledge on the art of self-defense and the qualities which go with it. A thousand instances might be quoted where the qualities which saved this man from the footpads would come into play.

Therefore I say everyone should learn to box; let all parents encourage their boys to learn to protect themselves with their fists. It does not make ruffians of them; it does not teach them to be vicious; it does not turn them into bullies. But it

Right Kind of Muscles, Long and Sinewy, Not Bunched and Knotty.
carefully as though they were poisonous snakes. They completely destroy all that suppleness and agility which mark every detail of the clever athlete's work.

A man who is a runner, jumper,

SOLID BACKING
Line From Dallas, Texas, to Roswell, N. M. Will Form Big System.
SANTA FE BACKING NEW ROAD

A special correspondent, writing to the Denver Times, says:

The proposed railroad from Dallas, Texas, to Roswell, N. M., an account of which was published a few days ago in The Times, has, it is now reported, secured Santa Fe backing and will form a direct line through Texas and New Mexico to the Pacific coast to be operated and probably owned by the Santa Fe. It is known that the Santa Fe is planning to build a road from some point on the Pecos Valley line to connect with its present line to Los Angeles and San Francisco, and the fact that the Dallas extension apparently is not being pushed in the interest of any other big railway lends strength to the report that it will be built to sell to the Santa Fe.

A company has just been incorporated to build the new road, which is to be known as the Texas, New Mexico & Western. The incorporators are among the wealthiest and most influential men of Texas. They are E. P. Steinmann, C. C. Slaughter, J. N. Wharton, J. B. Lucas, John B. Hunter, M. M. Crane, ex-attorney general of Texas; J. A. Whitte, all of Dallas; M. J. Healy of Fort Worth and W. A. Miller of Decatur.

The country through which the new road will run lies midway between the Texas & Pacific and the Fort Worth & Denver. The lands of this arid section are being settled at a rapid rate and made to blossom, as a flower garden by irrigation methods. The promoters of the road have secured the franchise of the old Dallas & Wichita Falls railway, which was projected a number of years ago, but was never built. About eighteen miles of the old grade running northwest from Dallas will be used.

Irrigation in this part of Texas is still in an experimental stage, but has been proved to be practicable and successful so far as it has been tried. D. B. Keeler, vice president and traffic manager of the Fort Worth & Denver, who is now in Denver, speaks enthusiastically of the future of irrigated farms in the Lone Star state. The storage reservoir near Wichita Falls was completed in time for use this year and the results, he says, were such as to justify the building of many more. There are hundreds, probably thousands of sites in the arid section of the state, he thinks where similar reservoirs could be constructed to a good advantage and will be as soon as a few practical farmers from Colorado and New Mexico have demonstrated what can be accomplished by irrigation.

boxer—in fact, anything except a heavy-weight lifter—can have no use for knotty, unwieldy masses of strength.

Even our best wrestlers nowadays recognize the fact that muscles of that kind are of no use to them. They know that there are right and wrong muscles just as well as they know there is a right and wrong way to wrestle. They know that such muscles bring them premature old age and early death.

Thus it is that every ambitious young athlete should strive to train his muscles in the proper way. Light dumb-bells, Indian clubs and other muscle-building weights should never be forsaken.

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Proceedings of Congress.
Washington, Dec. 15.—When the Cuban reciprocity bill was taken up in the senate today Perkins of California spoke, declaring that the people of the United States had increased their sugar consumption six pounds a year per capita during the past eight years.

It is maintained that the domestic sugar industry would not suffer by reason of the treaty, as, should we buy the whole Cuban crop, it would only supply one-third of the amount needed.

Senator Hepburn's Resolution.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Hepburn, of Idaho, today introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to acquire by annexation the island of San Domingo, dependencies of San Domingo and Hayti.

The House.
Washington, Dec. 15.—The house on convening this morning, went into committee of the whole for further considering pensions appropriations bills. Crumpacker, first speaker, addressed himself on the Panama question, saying attacks on the conduct of this government with the new republic is unwarranted by facts.

Iowa Fraternal Men.
Des Moines, Dec. 15.—The Iowa Fraternal congress began its annual meeting in Des Moines today and will continue in session until Friday. The principal business is the discussion of possible legislation at the coming session of the Iowa state legislature.

Democratic Caucus.
Washington, Dec. 15.—The democratic caucus today, after considerable opposition, passed resolutions declaring that the caucus action of the party hereafter will be binding and that all members should abide by such action. A two-thirds vote of the caucus is necessary to make the endorsement binding. It is expected that the Panama treaty will be taken up by the caucus tomorrow.

French Troops.
Paris, Dec. 15.—Dispatches from Indo-China report the massing of French troops on the Siamese border in anticipation of war.

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